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Money allotted for irrigation purposes in the Presidency.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money newly allotted for irrigation purposes;

(*b*) how much has been allotted for Tamil Nad, Andhra and Kerala;

(*c*) how many schemes are going to be taken in the non-delta areas;

(*d*) and if so, the names of schemes, districtwar;

(*e*) whether the Government have any intention to restart the T.R.S. division to restore the irrigation tanks in proper condition;

(*f*) how many irrigation tanks, major and minor, are in the Province, districtwar; and

(*g*) how many belong to each of the five classifications with their total ayacuts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) to (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to pages 11, 13, 15, 16–19, 21–23, 26–32 of the Irrigation Budget Estimates for 1946–47 under Grant VIII and XXXIII.

" (*e*) The question of reviving Tank Restoration Scheme operations in the Ramnad district is under consideration and an interim report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has just been received. This is under consideration.

" (*f*) & (*g*) It is not clear what is meant by 'five classifications' of irrigation tanks, referred to in clause (*g*). Their annual repairs and maintenance are not in the nature of 'schemes'. Copies [a] of statements submitted by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and the Board of Revenue are appended. Districtwar particulars regarding ayacuts of minor irrigation tanks in charge of Revenue department and of expenditure in respect of Public Works Department tanks are not immediately available and will have to be obtained from the Collectors and Executive Engineers, respectively, if necessary."

SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would consider the question of starting a permanent fund called the Tank Restoration Fund to improve and increase the capacity of the tanks in the non-deltaic areas whose capacity is not sufficient to raise a single crop."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM :—" The Government will consider the question."

Production of nativity certificate for admission into Engineering and other colleges.

* 60 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates seeking admission into the Engineering and other colleges are required to produce certificates of nativity;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 411 infra.